

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-8 and 10-19 remain pending in the application. New claims 20-21 have been added. Claims 4, 6 and 9 have been canceled.

Applicant appreciatively notes that claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant also appreciatively notes that claims 9-11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections, and only for purposes of expediting prosecution, claim 9 has been incorporated into claim 1 to place the application in condition for allowance.

The Abstract was objected to as noted in the Office Action. In response, the Abstract has been amended and accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 4 and 6-12 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, claims 3, 6 and 12 have been canceled. Since claim 11 is now dependent on only claim 10, it is believed that there is antecedent basis for the term "housing". Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-8, 12-15 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Poe (3,039,837). In response, allowable claim 9 has been incorporated into independent claim 1 and the anticipation rejection has been overcome.

Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth M. Berner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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